Wastage of fuel due to delay landing of aircrafts

1113. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fuel that is currerently being wasted annually as a result of delayed landings on airports in the country;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to eliminate or reduce these wastages;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The unprecedented growth in civil aviation has raised various challenges, specially at Delhi and Mumbai airports. Some of the important initiatives taken to improve the position and reduce delays are as under:

1. At Delhi and Mumbai airports various steps have been taken up for checking delay in landing/taking off of aircraft viz. construction of new high speed exit taxiways, simultaneous use of both runways have started during the traffic congestion period, establishment of clearance delivery position, ban on general aviation aircraft during peak period, upgradation of ATC Automation system etc.
2. AAI has already taken up the project of upgradation of 35 non-metro airports which will enable them to handle the increased air traffic at those airports.
3. Improved ATC procedures have been framed.
4. At the time of slot allocation schedule arrival and departure time are spread in such a manner that bunching should not take place resulting into delays.
5. The number of hourly movements of flights are being freezed at Mumbai and Delhi airport at par with available runway/terminal building capacity etc.

However, as some airlines do not maintain details related to delays due to 'landing restrictions' or late clearance for take off which lead to additional fuel burn, it is not possible to work out the fuel loss on this count.

Multi National Pharma Companies

1114. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Multi National Pharma companies are operating in India through their subsidiaries; and

(b) the name of companies which are involved in manufacturing or only in Trading Services?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA):(a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.